

## CLOSING PRAYERS

L: Father, tonight we kneel in awe and adoration before the divine majesty your Son revealed at his Transfiguration. But sometimes, our devotion grows cold, our prayers and worship become perfunctory, or our attitude toward Jesus becomes “he’s my best buddy, he’s there for me if I need him.” Enlighten our mind to always catch a glimpse of his glorious presence. And kindle our hearts and spirits to worship and obey him with holy fear, deep joy, and fervent love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Let the radiance of our Beautiful Savior fill our hearts & sanctify the ministries of this congregation. Make our worship into a joyful duty, & our service into a sacrifice of praise. Use us to lead others to Jesus, that with us, they may worship, honor, & adore him. Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

Lord of compassion & mercy, no suffering passes before you unnoticed. Give to the sick, those hospitalized, those recuperating from illness, those in treatment & those troubled in mind and heart both your healing presence and your healing peace. Especially hear us on behalf of those now named in our hearts (**NAMES**). Be their companion in solitude, their healing in affliction, their deliverer from trouble and their life in death. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Communion Server: Julie Steffenson*

*Ushers: Rich Sunde & Brock Edwards*

*Acolyte: Mason Edwards*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Julie Engle*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Greeters: Don & Peg Holtan*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

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**Worship—Eve of  
Transfiguration  
March 2, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**

## “Service of Word & Sacrament” — WOV

\* indicates stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Gathering Song: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

WOV #651

**\*Greeting:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And Also with you.**

P: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P: In the Word was life,

**C: And the life was the light of all people.**

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**C: And we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.**

**\*Scripture Song: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”**    WOV #713

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples & by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 99 (*Responsively by half verse*)

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Second Lesson: Hebrews 3:1-6

\*Gospel Verse: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

WOV #612

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Children's Message: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Sermon: "The LORD is in Charge!" Rev. David Steffenson

\*Song: "How Good, Lord, to Be Here" (LBW #89); See Insert.

\*Confession:

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you. (*Share God's peace with one another.*)**

Offering—**Gift of Music by Worship Pianist**

\*The Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphany

\*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

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*Invitation & Distribution:*

**Communion Song: "Beautiful Savior" (LBW #518); See Insert**

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\*Benediction

WOV #654

**\*Sending Song: "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"**

\*Dismissal

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Postlude

**Holy Communion** is the Lord's Supper for the Lord's People:  
"All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.

**Communication Cards/Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

**Worship at Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel:** Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, March 6 & 20 at 1pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to help with this ministry.

**Women's Devoted Hearts Conference: "Broken & Beautiful".** Friday, April 26 (6:30-9:00 pm) & Saturday, Apr. 27 (8:30 am – 2:45 pm) at Autumn Ridge Church in Rochester. COST: \$57 thru March 31, 2019 (\$62 after March 31). Women of Emmanuel will receive a \$12.00 scholarship in support of this conference. Barb Steffenson, Jenna Serr & Julie Edwards are attending. For more information, see the flier on the resource table.

**Men's Bible Study:** Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Psalms on Tuesdays at 8am & discussing the appointed Psalm for the week. This Week (March 5): Psalm 91.

**Thanks** for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life!  
Thanks for Shining Bright for Jesus!  
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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**March 2, 2019**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
**6 pm**

**"Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing  
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily  
life!"**



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, March 2—Saturday School at 5:10pm & G.I.F.T. at 5pm; Transfiguration of Our Lord worship at 6pm
- Sunday, Mar. 3—Pastor preaching at Immanuel in Wykoff (9:30am).
- Tuesday, March 5 Men's Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am; Fat Tuesday Feasting from 4-7pm
- Wednesday, March 6 Worship at Madonna Towers (1pm); Ash Wed. Worship at 6pm
- Sat, March 9—Saturday School at 5:10pm & G.I.F.T. at 5pm; Lent I Worship at 6pm

**G.I.F.T.**  
Adults are discussing "Aging Well" during Adult Education on Saturday nights. Please join us at 5:00pm each week as we discuss "Growing Old with Grace. We welcome and thank Kelly Kelly from Ranfranz & Vine, our guest presenter this evening.

**Fat Tuesday—March 5**  
Join us for Pancakes and Pastries from 4:30-6:30pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Bring something sweet to share with your friends, if you wish.

**The March Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for March-May, 2019.**

## **Deuteronomy 34:1-12 — Moses' Death & Burial**

1 Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, 3 the Negeb, & the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. 4 And the Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” 5 So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, 6 and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. 7 Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. 8 And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. 9 And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. 10 And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh & to all his servants and to all his land, 12 and for all the mighty power & all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 99 (Responsively)**

L: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

C: **He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

L: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

C: **Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!**

L: The King in his might loves justice.

C: **You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

L: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

C: **Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.**

L: They called to the LORD, and he answered them.

C: **In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.**

L: O LORD our God, you answered them;

**C: You were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

L: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**C: For the LORD our God is holy!**

## **Hebrews 3:1-6 — Jesus Is Worthy of More Glory**

1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. 3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses — as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, 6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

\***Gospel Verse: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

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## **Gospel Reading — Luke 9:28-36**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 9th. Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

28 Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” — not knowing what he said. 34 As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” 36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **“How Good, Lord, to Be Here” (LBW #89)**

1. How good, Lord, to be here!  
Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here,  
Your beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past  
And hope of things to be!  
We hail your body glorified  
And our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death,  
We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here!  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bid us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.

**Lent 2019:** This year we are singing and praying the Psalms during the 40 Days of Lent. We will gather weekly on Tuesday nights at 5pm for soup (sign up sheet in the gathering space) and worship at 6pm with Holden Evening Prayer. Members & friends of Emmanuel are invited to enjoy the sweet treat of an M & M’s Mini, and then fill it with coins or cash during the 40 Days of Lent. All monies collected will be used in support of the Emmanuel Hospitality House.

## **“Beautiful Savior” (LBW #518)**

1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

### **Calendar Items:**

- Wednesday, March 6th, 6pm - Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Lenten Theme: “Singing & Praying the Psalms”.
- Monday, April 22nd, 6am - Public Reading of the entire New Testament at Oasis.
- Saturday, April 27th - Children’s Choir of St. John’s Lutheran, Howard Lake, MN. Evening meal provided.
- Saturday, May 4 - Emmanuel Choir, Grafton, IA. Expanded refreshments will be provided.
- Monday, July 29th - Thursday, August 1st - Mega Kids Camp.
- Sunday, August 4th - Emmanuel picnic at the Vomhof home.
- Tue, Aug 7th - Thu, Aug 9th, 2019 - NALC Convocation at Indianapolis, IN includes the election of a new NALC Bishop.